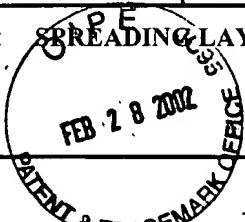


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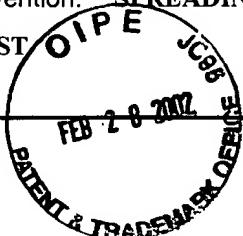
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Dear Madam:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated August 30, 2001 which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months, which expired November 30, 2001. A Petition for Extension of Time for three months from November 30, 2001 to February 28, 2002 is submitted herewith.

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